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FOR A SENSOR, AND COLOR	:	•
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the European Patent Application is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,077,605 U.S. Patent No. 6,418,281 Europe 1 291 731

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report from the European Patent Office, which is dated November 25, 2003, is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office

Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety
and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the
claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information
has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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